WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §46A-4-101

§46A-4-101. Authority to make loans.

Unless a person has first obtained a license from the commissioner authorizing the person to make regulated consumer loans, he or she may not engage in the business of:

(1) Making regulated consumer loans; or

(2) Taking assignments of or undertaking direct collection of payments from or enforcement of rights against consumers arising from regulated consumer loans: Provided, That the licensing provisions of this act do not pertain to any "collection agency" as defined in, and licensed by, the "Collection Agency Act of 1973" at W. Va. Code §§47-16-1 et seq.